

SUBJECT: Displacement of Soviet and Hungarian Troops in Hungary in the
St. Gothard - Sopron Sector

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1. KORMEND

Soviet and Hungarian units with a total strength of five battalions are stationed in this city. These units are under the jurisdiction of the Hungarian 1 and 7 Infantry Divisions, the Soviet 81 and the Hungarian 1 Panzer Divisions.

A unit of Hungarian MVD agents and Soviets are stationed here. They are in charge of the entire police ^(SERVICES) and are cause of great fear and terror among the inhabitants. All units, both the Soviet and the Hungarian units wear the same new uniforms, armament and equipment. Daily maneuvers are being held of infantry units combined with the artillery and with tank units. Recruits are called up from the surrounding area for ^{SHORT AND} lengthy maneuvers and they must participate in the combined maneuvers. The year groups called up vary. During the combined maneuvers, special attention is devoted to:

concerted infantry and tank activity

assaults on fortified points and fortresses

maneuvers in ~~units~~ laying of mines and demolition.

It is extremely difficult to establish which units belong to which division, since the insignia is such that the Hungarian units are hard to differentiate from the Soviet units, apart from national characteristics. Soldiers are strictly forbidden from associating with the civilians. In addition to this, units constantly change, ^{EITHER} some depart, ~~units~~ or the number of men is decreased or reinforced.

2. RABAHIDVEG

PANZER

Units of the Hungarian 7 Infantry Division and the Soviet 81 ^{PANZER} Division are located

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here . Their total strength is two battalions. A larger number of units were located in city at the end of April, but some have left for Kormend and Sombathely. All able bodied men are called to one or two month maneuvers. The majority of these recruits carry out their training with the units stationed in their locale, but many, especially those who are specialists are transferred to other points.

3. VOSVAR

Only two infantry companies of the Hungarian 1 Infantry Division, and several tanks belonging to the Soviet 81 Panzer Division are stationed in this city. The tanks have the indication T-42 written on them in white. Recently a large number of kulaks were arrested for minor offences, and taken away somewhere. Terror increases daily.

4. KAM

Until recently two infantry companies attached to the Hungarian 3 and 7 Infantry Divisions were located in this city, but have left for an undisclosed destination, so that at present there are no army units here. A number of younger age groups have been called up.

5. SARVAS

Units of the Hungarian 7 and 8 Infantry Divisions, and of the Hungarian 1 and Soviet 81 Panzer Divisions are located in this city. The total strength is estimated to number one regiment. The soldiers are well equipped and clothed. Several young age groups have been called up.

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6. EGYHAZARADIC

Two Hungarian infantry companies attached to the Hungarian 8 Infantry Division are in bivouac in the vicinity of this city. Allegedly the soldiers will not

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remain here long.

7. PINKAMINDSZENT

A new Hungarian border guard^{UNIT} recently arrived. Approximately three infantry companies attached to the Hungarian 7 and 8 Infantry Divisions are stationed here. All the military and a number of civilians are employed in digging trenches, putting up barbed wire and laying mines. The new Hungarian border guards have caused great terror among the population.

8. SZENTPETERFA

Approximately two infantry companies attached to the Hungarian 8 Infantry Division are stationed in this village. The men are quartered in the village. Approach to the border is strictly forbidden, and even cultivation of fields in the border zone is forbidden.

9. JAK

Two infantry companies attached to the Hungarian 7 and 8 Infantry Divisions are at bivouac near this locale. The men are daily employed in digging new and repairing old trenches. Cement sections for bunkers are brought here on huge trucks, where they are put together. Steel firing holes have been built on the^{fortified} cement bunker parts.. Approach of civilians is strictly forbidden to the spot where fortification is being carried on. Only the military are employed in the setting up and construction of bunkers.

10. KISUNYOM

Two companies attached to the new Soviet 7 Panzer, and the Hungarian 7 Infantry Division are stationed here. The men dig trenches, set up barbed wire and lay mines. The population is terrorized.

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11. NARAI

Units of the Soviet 7 and 81 Panzer Divisions, and of the Hungarian 7 and 8 Infantry Divisions are stationed here. The total strength is approximately one regiment. The units are not expected to remain here for long.

12. TELSOCSATAR

Three companies attached to the Hungarian 1, 7, and 8 Infantry Divisions are stationed here. The area is restricted. A new Hungarian border guard's unit has recently arrived. Crossings of the border in both directions often occur in this sector. Those who are caught are generally shot on the spot. All work of fortification has been completed and no further work is being done. Several new groups have been called to maneuvers.

13. SOMBATHELY

Approximately five Soviet and Hungarian regiments are located in this city and vicinity. Units of the Hungarian 7 and 8 Infantry Divisions and of the Hungarian 1 and Soviet 7 Panzer Divisions as well as of the Soviet 1 Light Fast Artillery Division have been observed. Strong forces of the Soviet and Hungarian MVD are located here. Maneuvers of concerted tank and artillery units and aircraft activities are constantly carried out. The city has a division hospital, and it has a large depot of deadly war material. There are numerous Soviet paratroopers. New Soviet four-motor bombers are located at the airport. The new bomber pilot school should soon begin its courses as all preliminary preparations have been completed in this respect. Numerous young age groups have been called to maneuvers.

14. NAGYNARDA

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Approximately two to three companies attached to the Hungarian 7 and 8 Infantry Divisions are located in barracks and shelters near the border. Approach to the border zone is strictly forbidden and it is guarded.

15. BUCSU

A new unit of Hungarian border guards are located here as well as approximately three companies attached to the Hungarian 7 and 8 Infantry Divisions. All men are employed in work of fortification, digging of trenches, setting up of barbed wire, and construction of shelters. Some mines have been layed.

16. NAGYGENECS

Some soldiers attached to the Hungarian 1 Infantry Division are stationed here, but since approach to the border is strictly forbidden on account of fortification work, it is very difficult to establish the number of men. The area is restricted. New Hungarian border guards are located here.

17. BOZSOK

One company of Hungarian soldiers are employed here in ~~the~~ construction of bunkers. All other work of fortification has been completed. A new unit of Hungarian border guards has been observed.

18. KOSZG SZERDEHELY

One Hungarian company is employed in the completion of fortifications. A new unit of Hungarian border guards has been observed.

19. KOSZEG

Units of the Soviet 7 and 81 Panzer Divisions, and of the Hungarian 7 and 8 Infantry Divisions have newly arrived. The total strength is approximately three regiments. Some of the military are employed

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in the digging of trenches and other work of fortification whereas others are constantly engaged in concerted maneuvers with men who have been called to maneuvers. Some units arrived and others depart almost daily. It is not believed that the entire force of men will remain here. Gunfire is often heard from the border.

20. HORVATZSIDANY

A company attached to the Hungarian 7 Infantry Division under Soviet specialists is engaged in work of fortification.

21. PERESZNYC

A company attached to the Hungarian 7 Infantry Division^{is} employed in the digging of trenches and setting up of barbed wire obstacles. A new Hungarian border/^{guard ~~unit~~ unit} recently arrived. Construction work is being stepped up. Approach to the border has been closed and strictly forbidden to civilians.

22. FELSZKANY

A unit, possibly larger than a company, attached to the Hungarian 7 and 8 Infantry Division^{is} employed in ^{STEPPED UP} work of fortification. New border guards are causing great terror among the population.

23. ZSIZA

Approximately two companies attached to the Hungarian 8 Infantry Division are stationed here and are employed in digging up trenches, setting up barbed wire, and laying mines.

24. BUCK

Approximately two Hungarian infantry companies which were engaged in digging trenches, setting up barbed wire, and other work of fortification, having completed their work have departed from the city.

25. NAGYFALVA

Units attached to the Hungarian 3 and 8 Infantry Divisions and the Soviet 81 Panzer Division, with a total strength of approximately one regiment, are stationed here. There is a constant movement of units through the city to or from the border. Numerous recruits were called to maneuvers.

26. LÖVE

Two companies of the Hungarian Army are working hurriedly on the completion of fortifications. A tank ^{unit} ~~division~~ of the Soviet 81 Tank Division is located here. No maneuvers are taking place, and only work of fortification is being done, which is almost completed.

27. SOPEONKOVEZD

The company attached to the Hungarian 8 Infantry Division, and a unit of Hungarian Border Guards are stationed in this city. The border has been sealed, and fortification work has been completed.

28. NAGYLOZS

Until recently two Hungarian companies were employed in the work of fortification. Since this work has been completed, they have departed for an unknown destination and there are at present no Army units located here. A new unit of Hungarian border guards has recently arrived. The border is safely guarded by the new border guards.

29. NAGYCENEK

The border guards have been reinforced. Although there are no other military here, various units frequently pass through.

30. KOPHASA

Two companies attached to the Hungarian 7 and 8 Infantry Divisions are completing fortification work. A new border unit is located on the border and in it are some Soviets.

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31. BRENBERGBONY

Units attached to the Hungarian 7 and 8 Infantry Divisions and the Soviet 7 and 81 Panzer Divisions, the total strength being approximately two regiments are stationed here. All units have recently arrived. Concerted maneuvers are taking place but many of the men ~~XXXX~~ are employed in fortification work (digging trenches and laying mines). The border area is strictly guarded. Until recently, peasants were employed in the work of fortification, but now only the army is so engaged.

32. AGFALVA

Approximately three companies attached to the Hungarian 7 and 8 Infantry Divisions and the Soviet 81 Panzer Division are located here and employed in work of fortification. ~~Thoroughly~~ Entry to the zone is strictly forbidden and trespassers are fired upon without warning.

33. SOPRON

Units attached to the Soviet 7 and 81 Panzer Divisions, ~~and~~ the Hungarian 1, 6, and 8 Infantry Divisions, and the Hungarian 1 Panzer Division are stationed here. The total strength is approximately from four to five regiments. A strong Hungarian MVD unit among whom are Soviets has recently arrived. The division field hospital is located in this city, as well as a large munitions depot and many railroad cars arrive with munitions. Although the munitions are ~~very~~ varied, they are largely for artillery weapons. Tank cars containing gasoline (benzine) pass by daily, and some stop at the station for a greater length of time. Bunkers are being constructed around the railroad station and on roads leading to the Austrian border. Some of the men here belong to the international partizan brigade.

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34. FERTERAKOS

A new unit of Hungarian border guards has recently arrived. ^A/Hungarian company ~~which~~ is stationed here. The border is sealed, and the entire area is strictly guarded. Fortification work has been completed.

35. KAPOVAR

Units attached to the Hungarian 2, 7, and 8 Infantry Divisions and the Soviet 7 and 81 Panzer Division are stationed here. It is estimated that the strength is approximately that of three regiments. ~~A~~ Combined maneuvers are frequently held and a number of age groups have been called to participate in the maneuvers. Wealthy peasants are continuously persecuted and interned. Some have been called to maneuvers and transferred to other localities. Government authorities are the cause of much terror which has recently been increased. There are constant rumors of an attack on Yugoslavia, of overthrowing Tito, and establishing a new Yugoslav government. The population expects dramatic events and is extremely worried.

25X1A COMMENT:

The report was received [REDACTED] on the spot. The above information was gathered between the end of April and 12 May 1950.

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25X1X [REDACTED] wish to emphasize that in spite of all their endeavors ^{IT WAS BEEN DIFFICULT} to establish the identity of the units which are attached to various divisions because of the fact that troops are constantly on the move. The military are strictly forbidden to associate with the civilians.

It is possible that there may be mistakes in the identification number of the unit, all the more so that the men often do not know what higher unit they belong to and are only acquainted with the number of their own unit, [REDACTED]

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Regarding the special atmosphere in Hungary, all are convinced that some serious event will take place in the following months, and all seem to believe that an attack on Yugoslavia will definitely take place. We have had information from other sources informing us of preparations in Hungary for an attack upon Yugoslavia in the near future.

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